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## Arlington Campaign Rally Speech

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
AT ARLINGTON  
SEPTEMBER 20, 1984

I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A TEXAS WELCOME. OF COURSE, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE TEXAS CHILI OR TEXAS MUSIC EITHER. LET'S FACE IT, THERE'S REALLY NOTHING LIKE TEXAS.

I WANT TO THANK YOUR FANTASTIC GOVERNOR, <sup>my man</sup> ~~LEE~~ WHITE, FOR THAT TERRIFIC INTRODUCTION. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANKS TO MY MAJORITY LEADER, AND YOUR FAVORITE REPRESENTATIVE, JIM WRIGHT. <sup>Personal</sup> / IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE IN TARRANT COUNTY.

WHEN I SEE CROWDS LIKE THIS, I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO WIN IN NOVEMBER. AS MY FAVORITE TEXAS PHILOSOPHER, WILLIE NELSON, ONCE SAID: "WE'RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN." FRITZ MONDALE AND I ARE ON THE ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE, AND LLOYD DOGGETT IS ON THE ROAD TO THE U.S. SENATE.

JUST THINK, AFTER THIS ELECTION WE'LL HAVE TWO SENATORS FROM TEXAS NAMED LLOYD. AND THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE.

THE POLLSTERS AND THE PUNDITS MAY HAVE DECIDED THE ELECTION, BUT I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE MAVERICKS. AND I KNOW WE'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR THEM IN NOVEMBER. SO I WANT TO TAKE MY OWN SCIENTIFIC, OBJECTIVE SURVEY RIGHT HERE...

DO YOU THINK WE'RE GOING TO WIN IN NOVEMBER?

ARE WE GOING TO SEND WALTER MONDALE TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND RONALD REAGAN BACK TO THE RANCH?

AND ARE WE GOING TO SEND LLOYD DOGGETT TO THE U.S. SENATE?

YOU BET WE ARE.

YOU KNOW, I REMEMBER WHEN RONALD REAGAN WAS SPOKESMAN FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC. HE USED TO SAY, "PROGRESS IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT." / WELL, HE CAN'T SAY THAT AS PRESIDENT.

WHERE OTHER PRESIDENTS WORKED TO CLEAN THE AIR, HELP THE POOR, AND PASS THE E.R.A. / RONALD REAGAN HAS FOGGED THE AIR, HELPED THE RICH, AND PASSED THE BUCK.

RONALD REAGAN SAYS WE HAVE A GLORIOUS RECOVERY, BUT I SAY WE WON'T HAVE A COMPLETE RECOVERY UNTIL EVERY TEXAN HAS A JOB.

RONALD REAGAN SAYS WHEN IT COMES TO CUTTING THE BUDGET, ELDERLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE SACRIFICED FIRST, BUT I SAY SOCIAL SECURITY IS A CONTRACT, AND THE ELDERLY HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE IN DIGNITY.

RONALD REAGAN SAYS WE SHOULD CUT EDUCATION FUNDS  
AND WANTS TO LAUNCH A TEACHER INTO SPACE. BUT I SAY  
LET'S HELP STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HERE ON EARTH.

AND RONALD REAGAN SAYS <sup>a hundred</sup> 115 MILLION WOMEN DON'T NEED  
EQUAL RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. BUT I SAY LET'S  
PASS THE E.R.A., AND LET'S DO IT NOW.

ON NOVEMBER 6TH, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO SIT BACK WITH  
RONALD REAGAN, OR YOU CAN CHOOSE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH  
WALTER MONDALE AND GERRY FERRARO.

IN FACT, YOU FACE THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION IN  
YEARS BECAUSE ON TOP OF ALL THESE CHOICES, THERE IS  
THE MOST PROFOUND CHOICE OF ALL: / WHICH LEADER CAN  
BUILD A SAFER WORLD. /

EVERY GENERATION FACES ONE OVERRIDING PROBLEM. / FOR  
OURS, IT IS TO FREEZE THE ARMS RACE AND KEEP THE PEACE.  
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FRITZ MONDALE AND I ARE COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH  
THE SOVIETS AND ACHIEVE A MUTUAL, VERIFIABLE ARMS CONTROL  
AGREEMENT.

RONALD REAGAN HAS OPPOSED EVERY ARMS CONTROL TREATY  
EVER NEGOTIATED. IF JOHN KENNEDY HAD LISTENED TO RONALD  
REAGAN, WE WOULD NOT HAVE A TEST BAN TREATY.

IF LYNDON JOHNSON HAD LISTENED TO RONALD REAGAN, THE DANGER WOULD BE GREATER THAN IT ALREADY IS THAT A KHOMEINI, QUADAFFI, OR THE PLO MIGHT GET THEIR HANDS ON THE BOMB.

IF RICHARD NIXON HAD LISTENED TO RONALD REAGAN, WE WOULD NOT HAVE AN ABM TREATY, AND THE SOVIETS WOULD BE A BIGGER THREAT THAN THEY ARE TODAY.

AND IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LISTEN TO RONALD REAGAN NOW, WE WILL HAVE AN ARMS RACE IN SPACE. / I SAY, IF THIS PRESIDENT CAN'T STOP EXCHANGING INSULTS AND START EXCHANGING SOUND PROPOSALS TO CONTROL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THEN IT'S TIME TO EXCHANGE THIS PRESIDENT FOR ONE WHO WILL.

I ASK YOU TO COMPARE RONALD REAGAN AND WALTER MONDALE ON ARMS CONTROL. / WALTER MONDALE HAS BEEN A LEADER FOR ARMS CONTROL. / HE WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO SUPPORT A NUCLEAR FREEZE. AND TODAY, HE WANTS TO STOP THE ARMS RACE BEFORE IT FLIES INTO ORBIT.

I WANT A PRESIDENT WHO CALLS ON THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP ON HIS FIRST DAY IN OFFICE, NOT ON THE FIRST DAY OF HIS RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

I WANT A PRESIDENT WHO TELLS US HIS PLANS FOR  
CONTROLLING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TODAY, NOT AFTER THE ELECTION.

I WANT A PRESIDENT WHO WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE  
TO NEGOTIATE A MUTUAL, VERIFIABLE FREEZE.

I WANT A PRESIDENT WHO WILL NOT ONLY STAND UP TO  
THE SOVIETS, BUT ALSO WILL HAVE THE WISDOM TO SIT DOWN  
WITH THEM TO NEGOTIATE AN END TO THE ARMS RACE.  
THAT'S THE KIND OF PRESIDENT FRITZ MONDALE WILL BE.

WE MUST NOT ONLY REDUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WE MUST  
ALSO REDUCE TENSIONS.

TODAY THERE ARE CIVIL WARS AND OTHER CONFLICTS  
BEING WAGED AROUND THE WORLD. TWO MILLION PEOPLE ARE  
FIGHTING AND DYING AS WE MEET HERE ~~TODAY~~. BUT INSTEAD  
OF COOLING THESE HOT SPOTS, IN SOME CASES THIS  
ADMINISTRATION IS THROWING FUEL ON THE FIRE.

IN CENTRAL AMERICA, WE'RE MILITARIZING A CONFLICT  
THAT COULD BE SOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS. AND WE ARE  
AMERICANIZING A CONFLICT THAT IS PRIMARILY LOCAL.

I SAY IT'S TIME TO STOP THE COVERT WAR IN NICARAGUA. ~~AND~~  
~~IT'S TIME TO START PROMOTING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES~~  
~~IN EL SALVADOR.~~ *Support a negotiated settlement in El Salvador*

WE'RE MAKING A MISTAKE TODAY IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND WE MADE  
ONE BEFORE IN LEBANON. OVER 250 YOUNG MEN DIED ON A MISSION  
WITHOUT A PURPOSE AND FOR A POLICY THAT HAS NEVER BEEN EXPLAINED.

GEORGE BUSH CONTINUES TO DEFEND THIS ADMINISTRATION'S  
DECISION TO SEND THE MARINES TO BEIRUT. BUT I SAY THAT'S NOT A  
POLICY TO BE DEFENDED; IT'S A LESSON TO BE LEARNED.

I WANT ALL OF YOU HERE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS TO THINK  
HARD ABOUT THE DANGER OF WAR. AFTER ALL, IF THIS ADMINISTRATION  
SENDS TROOPS TO CENTRAL AMERICA, ~~THE MIDDLE EAST~~, OR ANY TROUBLED  
AREA, IT WILL BE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WHO GO. IT WILL BE YOU AND  
YOUR FRIENDS WHO FIGHT.

*This issue directly concerns you.*

I KNOW NONE OF YOU WOULD REFUSE TO DEFEND YOUR COUNTRY. ~~My~~  
SON JOHN WOULD BE PROUD TO DEFEND THIS COUNTRY, AND I'D BE PROUD,  
THOUGH WORRIED, TO HAVE HIM DO SO. BUT LIKE EVERY MOTHER IN THIS  
COUNTRY, I DIDN'T RAISE HIM TO DIE IN AN UNDECLARED WAR, AGAINST  
AN UNNAMED ENEMY, FOR AN ~~UNKNOWN REASON~~. *Uncertain cause.*

I AM FOR A STRONG DEFENSE. / A PRESIDENT MUST KNOW WHERE TO  
USE FORCE AND WHEN, BUT HE MUST ALSO KNOW WHEN IT SHOULD NOT BE  
USED. LET'S UNDERSTAND THE WORLD BEFORE WE ARM IT. / AND LET'S  
HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO SENDS IN THE DIPLOMATS BEFORE HE SENDS IN  
THE MARINES. /

YOU ALSO HAVE A CHOICE ON IMPORTANT DOMESTIC ISSUES THIS  
YEAR. THIS ELECTION IS A REFERENDUM ON MANY THINGS / IT'S A  
REFERENDUM ON CLEANING UP TOXIC WASTE DUMPS / LET'S ELECT A  
PRESIDENT WHO TAKES POLLUTERS TO COURT, AND NOT TO LUNCH. /

IT'S A REFERENDUM ON FAIRNESS. / LET'S HAVE A TAX POLICY  
WHERE AVERAGE FAMILIES DON'T PAY MORE, SO THE RICH CAN PAY LESS.



IT'S A REFERENDUM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE. LET'S ELECT  
A PRESIDENT WHO SUPPORTS OUR CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, AND NOT  
SEGREGATED ACADEMIES.

AND IT'S A REFERENDUM ON PERSONAL FREEDOM. LET'S  
HAVE A SUPREME COURT THAT KEEPS THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF  
OUR HOMES, CHURCHES, AND SYNAGOGUES.

BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, IT IS A REFERENDUM ON  
THE FATE OF THE EARTH.

WHEN YOU GO TO THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER, I WANT YOU  
TO THINK ABOUT RONALD REAGAN'S RECORD.

IN 1980, HE PROMISED IMMEDIATE ARMS TALKS. FOUR  
YEARS LATER, NOT A SINGLE TEAM IS NEGOTIATING NUCLEAR  
ARMS CONTROL.

IN 1981, HE PUT ON ICE THREE TREATIES WHICH HAD  
TAKEN YEARS TO NEGOTIATE.

IN 1982, HE REJECTED THE WALK-IN-THE-WOODS PROPOSAL  
OF HIS OWN NEGOTIATOR.

IN 1983, HE DECLARED HIS INTENTION TO LAUNCH AN ARMS  
RACE IN SPACE.

AND IN 1984, HE THREW AWAY THE OPPORTUNITY TO NEGOTIATE  
ON ANTI-SATELLITE WEAPONS WITH THE SOVIETS.

THE QUESTION IS: WHAT WILL HE DO IN 1985? LET'S NOT  
GIVE HIM THE CHANCE TO SHOW US.       

THE TIME TO ASK THAT QUESTION IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

THE TIME TO REGISTER NEW VOTERS IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

4 " " ELECT LLOYD DOGBETT TO THE US SENATE

AND THE TIME TO ELECT FRITZ MONDALE PRESIDENT AND  
GERRY FERRARO VICE PRESIDENT IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

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